**Ernst Cassirer:   
symbol, science and culture**

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**PROGRAM**

**Monday, 18 May**

Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building, Room 496

Greetings: [Marcelo Dascal](http://spinoza.tau.ac.il/hci/dep/philos/dascal/dean.htm)   
Dean of Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University

**Session I: Symbolic Forms**

Chair: Gideon Freudenthal

Yehuda Elkana: "The Historical Sociology of Symbolic Forms"

John Michael Krois: "The 'Prototype and Model' of Symbolism: Nature or Culture?"

Gabriel Motzkin: "Cassirer's Philosophy of Symbolic Forms"

**Session II: Metaphysics**

Chair: Joseph Mali

Donald Phillip Verene: "Cassirer's Metaphysics"

Dominic Kaegi: Substance and Function: Cassirer's Theory of Concepts

Christoph Schmidt: "Ernst Cassirer's Theory of Subjectivity as a Model for the Postmodern Return to the Subject"

**Tuesday, 19 May**

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**Session III: Philosophy**

Chair: Anat Matar

Enno Rudolph: "Symbol and History - Cassirer's Thesis on 'Historical Time'"

Ashraf Noor: "Cassirer's Critique of Husserlian Phenomenology"

Michael Roubach: "The Limits of Order"

**Session IV: Philosophy of Science**

Chair: Rivka Feldhay

Karl-Norbert Ihmig: "Duhem, Cassirer, and the Continuity of Scientific Development"

Thomas Rykman: "Einstein, Cassirer, and General Covariance - Then and Now"

Jean Seidengart: "Mathematics and Reality in Cassirer's Philosophy of Modern Physics"

**Wednesday, 20 May**

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**Session V: The Scientific Context**

Chair: Yemima Ben Menahem

Fabian Capeilleres: "The Mathematical Structure of Cassirer's Philosophy: The 'Complex System' of Symbolic Forms

Alexandre Metraux: "The Cassirer-Goldstein Connection and the Pathology of the symbolic Consciousness"

Daniel Dor: "From Symbolic Forms to Lexical Schematics: Where Modern Linguistics and Cassirer's Philosophy Start to Converge"

**Session VI: History of Philosophy**

Chair: Mara Beller

Josef Schwartz: "Ernst Cassirer on Cusanus: Between Conjectural Knowledge and religious Pluralism"

Meir Buzaglo: "On the Use and Misuse of the Copernican revolution"

Almut Brukstein: "Stories of Origin and Work on Myth: Cohen, Cassirer, and the Blumenberg Debate"

**Thursday, 21 May**

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**Session VII: The Cultural Context**

Chair: Moshe Barash

Fania Oz-Salzberger: Cassirer's enlightenment and its Recent Critics: Is reason Out of Season?

Itta Shedletzky: '(The Return of?) Pandora'. Goethe Between Ernst Cassirer and Friedrich Gundolf in the German-Jewish Context of Weimar Culture

Barbara Naumann: The Genesis of Symbolic Forms: Basic Phenomena in ernst Cassirer's Works

Charlotte Scholl-Glass: "Das Wesen des Symbols": Aby Warburg's Late Comments on Symbol

**Session VIII: Myth and Politics**

Chair: Gabriel Motzkin

Jeffrey Andrew Barash: "Ernst Cassirer's theory of Myth and the Ethico-Political Dimension of His Debate with Martin Heidegger"

Joseph Mali: "The Myth of the State Revisited: Ernst Cassirer and Modern Political Theory"

Gideon Freudenthal: The Hero of Enlightenment